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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Re: Commission Order No. 2018-81 issued in Docket Nos. 2017-207-E and 2017-305-E and  
Commission Order No. 2018-102 issued in Docket Nos. 2017-207-E, 2017-305-E, and  
2017-370-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On Wednesday, January 31, 2018, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") issued Order No. 2018-81 in Docket Nos. 2017-207-E and 2017-305-E. The hiring of an expert is necessary to meet the Commission's request to supplement the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") analysis filed on January 19, 2018. On February 15, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 2018-102 in Docket Nos. 2017-207-E, 2017-305-E, and 2017-370-E providing clarification on Order No. 2018-81 and requesting an update from ORS by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please allow this letter to serve as an update regarding the hiring of an expert by ORS to satisfy the requests made by the Commission in Order Nos. 2018-81 and 2018-102. Currently, ORS has negotiated an agreement in principle with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP ("Baker Tilly"), a major accounting firm. This week South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") verbally agreed to compensate Baker Tilly pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-100. ORS is waiting on SCE&G's signature. Baker Tilly estimates 90 days to complete the requested work which places the completion no earlier than the beginning of June 2018.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon B. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon B. Hudson

cc: Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire (via e-mail)  
F. David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)  
All Parties of Record in Docket No. 2017-305-E (via e-mail)  
All Parties of Record in Docket No. 2017-207-E (via e-mail)  
All Parties of Record in Docket No. 2017-370-E (via e-mail)